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company like Cabela's grow, not only in other states, where they can actually bring the benefits home to Nebraska, and their personnel at their headquarters, but whether in fact we want to hasten the expansion in the state of Nebraska with another store. One of the projects that could be approved under the bill is an amusement park. It's something I would love to see go in out by the Platte River. But I will tell you that the company that is looking at is has announced in the paper that that project is going to go forward whether or not LB 500 passes. They say, within five years, this is going to be built, whether or not we have LB 500. So I don't think that's an issue here. This was also a company that looked at Council Bluffs and was not able to get the financing, even with the boats over there providing some extras. So I don't know why they didn't approve it. And maybe we'd have to look at it more closely. But that project, they say, will go, with or without the bill. So what we're looking at here is the Cabela bill. And Senator Landis has painted it, as the supporters have, as tourism and entertainment. I would tell you, no, it's retail. It truly is. And there's nothing to be ashamed of saying it's retail. We like stores in Nebraska. I have aunts and cousins and uncles that live in Chicago. The magnificent mile. People go to Chicago and they walk that mile and they shop in the shops. But I will tell you that when my aunts and my cousins come to Nebraska, they don't want to go to Cabela's. They don't even want to go to the zoo. They want to go shopping. They want to go to the Westroads, they want to go to the Oak View Mall. And they don't come here because they were drawn to it as a tourism seat. They come to Nebraska to see their family. But while they're here, they stay longer and they shop. And that's...there's nothing wrong with that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Oak View Mall in Omaha had 12.5 million visitors last year. And the Westroads had 14 million. We're looking at a chart here that says Cabela's had 1.5 million, and maybe if they go into Sarpy County they'll have 2.5 million. If we're looking at the highest use of the land, maybe we ought to be putting a mall out there. Because I'm telling you that the ladies win when it comes to shopping. All right. To the bill.